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City Council Takes Important Step Toward Preserving Plantation Housing *Resolution proposes amendment to Subdivision Ordinance to create plantation communities*

HONOLULU, HI – The Honolulu City Council adopted Resolutions 06-032, CD1 and 06-033, CD1 at today's council meeting. Following emotional testimony from current plantation camp employees – including third-generation workers and those affected by Del Monte's recent decision to cease operations on Oahu – City Councilmembers unanimously voted to adopt the two resolutions.

"Plantation communities have played an important role in our state's agriculture industry and it's important that we take steps to preserve this piece of history," said City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz. "With the close of plantations on Oahu, we have to look to assist those who are affected most significantly – namely the residents of plantation camps in Kunia, Poamoho, Waialua and Kahuku."

Resolution 06-032 recognizes the historic and cultural significance of the plantation era, and expresses the City Council's support for the preservation of residential homes in former plantation owned housing areas. Resolution 06-033 proposes an amendment to the City's subdivision ordinance allowing the establishment of plantation community subdivisions in a current or former sugar or pineapple plantation community.

"The next step is for the Department of Planning and Permitting to review our proposed amendment and provide the City Council with its recommendation," added Council Chair Dela Cruz. "There is precedent of this type of plantation community ordinance in Hawaii County that has been well-received, so I look forward to hearing from DPP and moving forward with this legislation."

Honolulu City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz represents Council District 2, which includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Waimea, Pupukea, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, Kahaluu, Ahuimanu, and a portion of Heeia.

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